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I am very particularly concerned about the fact that to date I have spent over \$30,000 on video equipment alone to permit me to receive and enjoy HDTV broadcasts (this includes set-top boxes, front projector, scaler, etc.). None of this equipment will recognize a broadcast flag. Adoption of a broadcast flag requirement will result in this current equipment not being able to pass and process the full-resolution digital signal, thus prohibiting me from being able to enjoy the best picture possible, much less being able to record the best picture possible for later enjoyment for personal use only. Please do not pass legislation that will penalize those of us who have been early adapters of digital technology and HDTV.

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